

HICKORY.

HICKORY'S PROGRESS—ITS ENTERPRISE—ITS PROSPERITY—ITS SURROUNDINGS.

A Town Whose Achievements Have Been Truly Phenomenal, and it is But on the Threshold of its Growth.

(Cor. of the STATE CHRONICLE.)

Hickory, N. C., April 10, 1890.—Probably since tavern days, or we may say one hundred years ago, of the many transformations that have taken place in Old North Carolina there is no place that can show greater material changes, or greater prosperity, than the town of Hickory. Starting in fact from a tavern, or wayside inn, in the dreary past, a lodge for the weary traveller, when transit was by stage, this tavern being on the roadside from Salisbury to Asheville was a popular retreat and "Hickory Tavern," from the numerous hickory trees that grew around it, became a famous place of entertainment. Whatever Statesmen town of Hickory is anything but a reminder of the "slow coach" it is a pride to North Carolina. There is no community in the entire State that more completely represents the progress and growth of the State.

LOCATION AND ADVANTAGES.

Our new daily State Chronicle is situated midway between Salisbury and Asheville, on the Western North Carolina railroad, the main branch of which runs from Salisbury to Asheville, and so far as we are concerned, and four hundred feet above sea level. Two miles from the town of Hickory, on a high plateau, and seems to be the mountains and above the town, and is considered one of the best locations in the State.

A STATELY TOWN.

The new town of Hickory, with its pure atmosphere, is adapted to tourists coming from the mountains. It has a population of about 3,500 of people, including all who believe more in pluck than in luck. The town has more than doubled its population during the last four years, and is situated in one of the most fertile and mineral sections to be found in the whole country. The growth of the place has been rapid as any place in the State, particularly the manufacturing interests. Last year shows a greater increase than any previous year of its history. Located at the junction of two of the best railroads of the South—Western North Carolina division of the Richmond & Danville system, the Chester & Lenoir railroad, direct to Charleston, the new route, will bring still another from Lenoir over the Blue Ridge to Cranberry. Being a central shipping point of the Piedmont section, she claims superior advantages for securing all kinds of manufacturing material. It is the shipping point of at least fifty raw mills.

The surrounding scenery is both picturesque and interesting. Grandfather Mountain, with its lofty summit of five thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven feet; Highbitten and Table Rock are seen in the distance, and present a view perfectly enchanting. As a pleasure resort the place is rapidly gaining in reputation; and it is said, as for the people who live in the far South, it has been deemed by physicians as being more desirable than beyond the mountains.

INDUSTRIES AND PROGRESS.

To notice at length the many industrial and other institutions would fill an entire issue. We therefore mention them briefly, calling special attention to the most prominent. Among the many institutions, industrial and otherwise, that go to make up the progress of this town, we mention: One wagon manufacturing company; two roller flouring mills; two tobacco warehouses, four plug tobacco factories, three smoking tobacco factories, one foundry and machine shops, two planing mills, two taneries, two cigar factories, one pin, telegraph arm and insulator factory, two lumber companies, three wood and furniture works, one printing and publishing company, three of the best schools in the country, two colleges, one electric light company, two hotels, including one of the finest in the South, one marble works, one hoghead manufactory, two railroads having four outlets, ten churches, a city hall, one bank, one land company, one building and loan association, one opera house, four lawyers, three doctors and one dentist, one mineral springs, twenty-five stores, one newspaper, one military band, one livery and sales stables, one harness manufactory, one shoe manufactory, two carriage and repair shops, besides several other smaller industries.

Receives and ships more freight than any other town between Charlotte and Asheville. Erected \$150,000 worth of new buildings during the year 1889, and has \$500,000 worth of new buildings now under contract.

Has a more uniform temperature than any town in Western Carolina—summer temperature seventy-five degrees; mean winter temperature fifty degrees; death rate averages only five per thousand during the year.

Has as fine water power at a short distance as can be found in the Piedmont section.

Has as many mineral deposits and fine stone quarries in close proximity as any town in the State.

Has one of the finest chalybeate springs within the corporation to be found in the State. Another spring also of chalybeate and blue and white sulphur only six miles distant.

One of the finest lumber regions in the State. Fifty saw mills ship from this point.

Has a lumber company representing \$50,000 worth of capital.

Has many modern and beautiful residences and several large and imposing public edifices, such as the Opera House, Hickory Inn, Postoffice and Bank.

There are several proposed new enterprises on foot which will materialize as rapidly as the circumstances will permit. One of these a chair factory, the other a carriage factory. The supply of fine timber, especially adapted to these enterprises, is found in almost inexhaustible quantities in this locality.

The amount of lumber consumed by the several manufacturing interests amounts in round dollars to one hundred thousand dollars. While her progress has been steady, never spasmodically, the word "boom" does not apply. They depend rather upon unanimity of action, intelligent direction, natural resources and place, rather than inflated speculative schemes.

Her record, proverbially honest, is well known, the comparatively recent history of her progress, and the resources of the community.

Writing of these speeches says:

and the co-operation of her people has made it what it is and these will continue to move her onward to greater material and social prosperity. Men of capital and business have no hesitation as to investing here. They readily discern the possibilities of a town which has so many advantages and whose development in so short a space of time has been phenomenal.

BUSINESS ENTERPRISES.

A List of Manufacturers and Firms Doing Business Here.

That the facts relating to Hickory may have greater publicity, and that persons at a distance may have a wider range of information, mention is made of the business firms, professions, etc., all who will gladly give any desired information. The men comprising these firms, living here and doing business, are thoroughly qualified to speak of the resources, climate, soil and all other advantages of this, one of the best places for locating to be found in the Piedmont section.

THE LARGEST AND MOST SUCCESSFUL INSTITUTION IN THE PLACE IS THE

PIEDMONT WAGON COMPANY.

It is also largest wagon works in the South, except perhaps the works at Louisville, Ky. It has an authorized capital of \$200,000 with \$100,000 paid in. Mr. J. G. Hall is president; Mr. A. A. Shuford, vice president; Mr. H. C. Dixon, secretary; Mr. H. D. Abernethy, treasurer, all business men of established reputation. The regular output is twenty wagons daily, with a capacity of forty wagons daily when occasion demands. The factory is furnished with electric lights in order to keep up with the orders when they have to run at night. Every part of the wagon is made by this factory. Therefore the latest and most improved machinery and turn out the most durable wagon on the market. They keep as much as \$30,000 worth of unshaped timber on hand. The number of hands employed is about one hundred. The works cover many acres and is a world within itself. Think of a pile of hubs amounting to twenty thousand in number! This is truly the hub of the wagon industry of the South. The works have struggled through many vicissitudes during the years since its organization, but it is to-day one of the institutions that every citizen of the State should take a pride in.

THE HICKORY MANUFACTURING COMPANY.

This institution one of the largest in the country, makes all kinds of sash, doors, blinds, inside finish, brackets, stair work, mouldings, work in hardwood a specialty. The factory is one of the best equipped and most complete in the State. New machinery has been added together with extensive other improvements and is to-day unsurpassed by any other establishment of its kind in North Carolina. The men that compose this company are A. A. Shuford, J. G. Hall, H. C. Latta, G. C. Bonniwell and Mr. Menzies.

CATAWBA WOOD WORKS.

The gentlemen that compose this firm are S. F. Chapman, B. F. Kinney and S. B. Lake. It is a new industry and is succeeding beyond their expectations. They manufacture ship pins, telegraph insulators, brackets and cross-arms. Only locust timber is used and they have built up a large business in comparatively a short time. Their success is due mainly to attention to business and pluck. They have on hand more orders than they can fill.

THE PHENIX MANUFACTURING CO.

This is one of the largest concerns in Hickory. They are enterprising and have built up a large business. About \$5,000 worth of lumber is used by them per annum in manufacturing. They have in addition to the lumber business a flouring mill, an enterprise which has been very successful.

ROLLER FLOURING MILLS.

A. Y. Sigmon, proprietor—an enterprise of which Hickory is proud. It is equipped with the latest improved machinery. The mills have a good reputation of making as fine flour as is found on the market. Mr. Sigmon is also engaged in the lumber business and enjoys a large trade in seasoned and dressed lumber.

HICKORY ELECTRIC COMPANY.

Of which Mr. A. A. Shuford is president; H. D. Abernethy, Secretary, and J. A. Martin, Business Manager, has done a great deal for the place. The electric plant is complete in every particular, furnishing sixteen arc and two hundred incandescent lights to the business men of the town. The company furnish the electricity for the lights and in the Piedmont Wagon company's works.

PIEDMONT CIGAR CO.

This company is composed of Messrs. Thos. Waters and A. E. Riviere. This business was established in 1886 and has steadily grown. So great is the demand for their products that they have been unable to supply the demand. They manufacture exclusively from imported stock.

BANNER CIGAR CO.

The oldest cigar factory in Hickory. The various brands made by this company are sought in certain localities. The factory is well equipped with the most improved machinery for facilitating the output.

ELLIOTT & ELLIOTT.

Messrs. J. D. & J. W. Elliott, builders and contractors, is one of the enterprising firms in the State. They are among the largest and most widely known in North Carolina. The many edifices erected by them in various States stand as monuments of their workmanship. These men have done as much for Hickory, by their liberality and faith in the future of the place, as any of her citizens.

HALL BROTHERS.

The pioneer merchants of Hickory. They engaged in business here twenty years ago and are thoroughly identified with the trading public. It has been a firm noted for integrity and fair dealings, which fact has caused them to build up a large business. They are wholesale and retail merchants carrying one of the largest and most complete stock of general merchandise to be found in Western Carolina, representing a value of about \$75,000. The firm is composed of Messrs. J. G. Hall and P. C. Hall—both business men of established reputation. Aside from the mercantile business, they are prominently identified with various manufacturing industries. The senior member, Maj. J. G. Hall, is Mayor of the place and president of the Piedmont Wagon Works.

SHUFORD HARDWARE COMPANY.

This company is doing one of the largest trades in all kinds of hardware in Western North Carolina. The members of

this firm are well known as energetic, wide-awake business men. The success of this firm is a guarantee that they understand their business. They are wholesale and retail dealers and have the confidence and trade of a wide section of country. Mr. Shuford, the senior member of the firm, is President of the Granite Falls Manufacturing Co., President of the Hickory Electric Co. and one of the proprietors of the Hickory Manufacturing Co. Mr. J. A. Martin, the junior member of the firm, is a thorough hardware man, who attends strictly to business. The firm enjoys a fine reputation for fair dealing and of keeping the best assortment of hardware in this section.

LINK, MCCOMB & COMPANY.

This energetic and enterprising firm is well known throughout this section. They are dealers in general merchandise. Their stock is not surpassed for elegance and assortment in Western North Carolina. From pure business principles they have built up a trade that they are proud of, and justly so, for their store is not only an ornament to Hickory, but an institution that all take a pride in.

A. MCINTOSH, PHOTOGRAPHER.

He has made photographic art a study and practice all his life. He has never been behind in all the latest improvements in photography. His gallery is equipped with the finest instruments. Every branch of his line is given special attention, and his patronage and work stamps him as one of the best artists in Western Carolina.

O. M. ROYSTER.

Mr. Royster is engaged in the drug business and has as well furnished and as complete an assortment of goods in his line as are to be found in any place. No man, perhaps, has been more earnest in the upbuilding of the town than he. He has always been foremost to advance the best interests of Hickory.

ROYSTER & MARTIN.

This clothing emporium was established about ten years ago, and is among the largest clothing houses of this section. Their trade has grown gradually, and to-day enjoy a large patronage from the surrounding country. They deserve the success they have obtained, for they are men of business and understand it in all its details.

SEIGLE BROS.

Manufacturers and dealers in shoes. They do a considerable manufacturing business. They make it a point to turn out no inferior goods at any price. They have a large trade in shoe findings and leather. They have been very successful, each sale being an endorsement of their goods.

LATTA & BEARD.

This firm occupies a building of their own and is one of the largest business houses in the place. The line of goods carried is that of general merchandise. By large buying and liberal prices they have control of a large trade. They control considerable stock in the Hickory Manufacturing Co., and Piedmont Wagon Co., Mr. Latta being business manager of the former enterprise.

WAGNER & KILLIAN.

This is one of Hickory's largest business firms, composed of H. D. Wagner and S. E. Killian. They are dealers in general merchandise and are a wide-awake firm, and are continually adding new features to their already extensive business.

FIELD BROS.

Who have also a branch house in Charlotte, are among the largest canners in the State. They are dealers also in general merchandise and have double stores well filled, and possess the confidence of the large number of customers they have made.

J. M. LAWRENCE.

Engaged in the jewelry business at this point for nearly twenty years. The large stock of fine goods, such as is usually seen in much larger places, indicate the money that is "floating" around.

J. W. McMillan.

Another jeweler who also has a large stock of goods found in his line. From the large amount of goods of this kind of wares, one would naturally infer that there must be money in the community.

SHUFORD'S ONE PRICE STORE.

This is a large concern, prominently located opposite the public square. The line carried is that of general merchandise, in which they do a very large business. For business integrity and close attention to the strict rules of business, they have built up a large trade.

E. A. ABERNETHY.

Who has a large trade in clothing and dry goods, is one of the most successful of merchants. He is as well known in this section as any man in the community. He is always alive to the interest of his customers and carries a very large and complete stock.

DAVIS BROS.

This is the only exclusive Book and Stationery house in the place. Their store is a model of neatness and would do credit to much larger towns. The large plate glass windows exhibit much taste in the line they keep. The latest periodicals and newspapers are received daily. The stock is very complete in all its branches and one is surprised at the selection of books and the variety of stationery on hand.

E. & J. E. HAITHCOCK.

Dealers in furniture and carpets. This is one of the largest establishments in the West. They carry one of the finest assortments of chamber and parlor suits to be found anywhere. They are men of rare business qualities and fully understand the line of business that they are engaged in as is shown by their taste in selecting unique designs of furniture and the attractive patterns of carpets to be found in their stock. Their business has been built up on purely business principles and they deserve all the success they have achieved. They carry on the undertaking business also and have a reputation, far and wide, as men of the best integrity. Their store is a place of neatness, and in it you will find all the house furnishing goods necessary from the cheapest to the most costly.

THE PRESS AND CAROLINIAN.

Has a large circulation and is doing a great work for Hickory, and a work the people of the place appreciate. It is a live, newsy, progressive weekly, nicely printed; is eight pages, forty columns, well edited and enjoys a large patronage which it justly deserves. Mr. J. F. Murrill is its vigorous and able senior editor, and Mr. H. A. Murrill its junior editor, is a young man, full of energy and exhibits the experience of a much older head. As an exponent of this section this paper is ever alive to the inter-

ests of the Piedmont section. The office of the Press and Carolinian is one of the neatest, best arranged and fully equipped to be found in the State.

THE HICKORY PRINTING COMPANY.

Capital stock \$5,000, all paid in. This is one of the surprises of the place. As for first-class work, both job and book work, all is as well executed here as you could have done anywhere. The company was organized in 1887. In May, 1888 H. A. Murrill became the manager by purchasing a controlling interest. The business office and printing department of this company is well arranged and one of the neatest to be found in the State. The company is incorporated and under the management of a president, in the person of Mr. H. A. Murrill. They have new type and machinery, and one of the best equipped offices—on the first floor in the Elliott Opera House building—in the State.

THE HICKORY INN.

Is built of brick; stone iron, with all improvements, making it practically fire proof. It has a perfect system of heating and ventilation, has accommodations for 150 guests, is elegantly furnished and furnished throughout, hot and cold water baths and toilets on every floor, electric bells, lighted by electricity. It is supplied with the purest water and every possible comfort. The office, parlors and dining room are marvels of elegance, being decorated in fresco, well lighted, airy halls, broad stair cases, wide, pleasant piazzas and balconies all go to make one of the best hotels in the South.

THE NEW CHARTER HOUSE.

This is Hickory's second hotel; is centrally located and is one of the best places of entertainment to be found. It derives its name from being built part wood and part brick, an extension being made after the charter of the town was changed forbidding wood structures. The proprietor is negotiating for extensive improvements, and by the coming summer it will be refurnished and ready in every respect for first-class accommodations.

There are several private boarding houses also, and talk of another new hotel to be erected at great cost.

COLLEGES AND SCHOOLS.

Claremont College, founded ten years ago, is under the management of Prof. Sarnborn. It is a large building, beautiful grounds and has a full faculty of experienced teachers. It is a male and female college and non-denominational. It is a first class high school. It is intended to afford its pupils the best moral and widest mental culture.

Besides Claremont there is a Lutheran Theological Seminary of high grade, and Highlands Academy, which is also a large school, with excellent instructors. There is also a private school, taught by Mrs. A. G. Thurston which has a high standing as a preparatory school.

THE BANK OF HICKORY.

Of which Mr. Shular is cashier, is probably the best lighted and arranged building for the purpose in the State. The building is large and imposing, modern in style, and its interior in finish surpasses any other bank building in North Carolina. The entire arrangement of the building, decoration and furniture make it a model of a bank. This is one of the institutions that Hickory is proud of.

THE ELLIOTT OPERA HOUSE.

This deserves more than mere mention. It is the pride of Hickory. The arrangements are as perfect and complete as the building will allow. The auditorium will seat 750. The parquette contains 320 opera chairs of unique design. The parquette and gallery is arranged in elevated tiers of seats with inclined aisles. On each side of the stage are private boxes, accommodating eight persons each, and above are two oriental balconies to hold six persons each. The house is lighted with electricity, controlled from the stage. The dimensions of the auditorium are 58x64 feet, with a clearing of 24 feet from orchestra circle to ceiling. The stage floor is 58x32 feet, with a 28-foot ceiling. There are thirteen full sets of scenes, which in combination form eighteen. One hundred and twenty-one pieces of scenery make a complete stage outfit. The walls and ceilings are elaborate in French renaissance. The designs of interior decorating are very attractive, showing special studies in mythological allegory and fresco.

The house was built and is owned by Messrs. Elliott Bros., who are among the most enterprising men of Hickory.

THE PROFESSIONAL CLASSES.

The bar is represented by four of the best legal minds in the State, Ex-Judge C. A. Cilley, a most scholarly man, a fine speaker and a deep thinker. He is acknowledged authority on fine points of law. He has associated with him Mr. J. F. Murrill, who was the pioneer lawyer of Hickory. As an attorney Mr. Murrill has long since been recognized as a man of ability and has made his profession a lifetime work. Mr. F. L. Cline, another member of the bar here has enjoyed a lucrative practice from the beginning. He is a young man of decided ability and is considered one of the best lawyers for his age in the State. In matters of advice his opinions are always relied on. Mr. E. B. Cline, the youngest of the profession here, is making a name second to no other lawyer in the State for his age. He has evinced an adaptation for his chosen profession that mark him a lawyer, and which has secured for him a satisfactory practice.

THE PHYSICIANS.

The gentlemen who compose the medical fraternity here are among the best practitioners in the State. Dr. R. B. Baker, the oldest physician of this place, came here just after the war. He has an experience of forty years. He is always abreast with the times and the most approved theories relative to the practice of medicine. He has been eminently successful and enjoys a large practice.

Dr. B. F. Whitesides shares with Dr. Baker a large practice. (There is not as much practice comparatively speaking, as will be found in many other places even of a larger size.) Dr. Whitesides is well known as one of the best of his profession in Western Carolina.

Dr. W. L. Abernethy, a graduate of Louisville Medical College, has an experience of twelve years, controlling a liberal share of patronage, and is one of the finest physicians in this section.

SPARKLING CATAWBA SPRINGS.

Within six miles of Hickory is located these celebrated springs, the elevation being 1000 feet above sea-level. The location has the special advantage of being near Hickory, the railway and telegraph station of the springs. The waters embrace blue and white sulphur and chalybeate. Thirty thousand dollars have

been spent in the improvements which now have an accommodative capacity for three hundred guests. Verandas, turfy lawns, gravelled walks, music pavilion, cottages, nestled arbors, an observatory for viewing the mountains, ten-pin alleys—owing to the villa system, each family can have a separate home, all to make Sparkling Catawba Springs one of the most desirable summer and health resorts within the borders of North Carolina.

NEEDS.

One of the greatest needs is a Chamber of Commerce or Board of Trade. The people are thorough-going and live business men and her prosperity is due to the energy, pluck and the many-fold advantages that she possesses. There is one fact, that every person here will admit, and that is, all that are engaged in manufacturing and commercial pursuits get the co-operation and benefit of the entire community. The progress and prosperity of the place is due as much to the liberality and sympathy of each institution one for another, as can be found in the whole country. Most workmen own their own abiding place. There is not in the entire South a place of its size, where the wage-worker has derived greater benefits from his toil than in Hickory.

CARRIAGE FACTORY AT HICKORY.

(Hickory Press.)

As we mentioned last week, Mr. J. F. Stevens, of New York, has returned to Hickory and will immediately erect a carriage manufacturing and repairing establishment here. He hopes to have it in operation by the 15th of May. Mr. Stevens has a gold medal awarded him by the Agricultural Society of New York. Several large establishments have tried to secure his patent but he knows it is a good thing and wants a big price for it.

OBSCURITY OF BIRTH.

(Daniel Webster.)

It is only shallow-minded pretenders who make either distinguished origin a matter of personal merit or obscure origin a matter of personal reproach. A man who is not ashamed of himself need not be ashamed of his early condition. It did happen to me to be born in a log cabin, raised among the snow drifts in New Hampshire, at a period so early that when the smoke first rose from its rude chimney and curled over the frozen hills there was no similar evidence of white man's habitation between it and the settlements on the river of Canada. Its remains still exist. I make it an annual visit. I carry my children to it and teach them the hardships endured by the generations before them. I love to dwell on the tender recollections, the kindred ties, the early affections and the narrations and incidents which mingle with all I know of this primitive family abode; I weep to think that none who then inhabited it are now among the living; and if I ever fail in affectionate veneration for him who raised it and defended it against savage violence and destruction, cherished all domestic comforts beneath its roof and through the fire and blood of seven years' revolutionary war shrunk from no toil, no sacrifice to serve his country and to raise his children to a condition better than his own, may my name and the name of my posterity be blotted from the memory of mankind.

"ENGLISH, YOU KNOW."

What Will Tom Skinner Do Now About the World's Fair?

(Knoxville (Tenn.) Sentinel.)

"Maj. J. W. Wilson, engineer and superintendent of the Knoxville, Cumberland Gap and Louisville Railroad, this morning issued this note to all concerned: 'Notice is hereby given that instructions have been received to change the name of the station 'Cumberland Gap' to 'Dilwyn.' Notify shippers accordingly.' 'It is but just to say that Major Wilson, being a gentleman who is proud of his North Carolina lineage and language—by no means ashamed, withal, of a taste of frosted persimmons and well-served opossum—is by no means responsible for the 'blasted' substitute that is offered for our time-honored 'Cumberland Gap.' There is nothing like being 'English, you know.' The order for the change comes from beyond the deep blue sea. 'Cumberland Gap' probably appeared to London headquarters as a vulgar mountain barbarism.' Anything like putting on scollops don't suit Major Wilson. He is a plain, old-fashioned man, who doesn't take any stock in style, in names or anything else.

THE WAR IS OVER.

That is What the Soldiers Say and Practise.

(Tom Evans in North State.)

A Federal soldier who fought under Sherman, but now sports a civilian's dress, walking down the avenue in Washington City one this week, met a seedy looking man, evidently hard up, but with something of the old soldier stamp in his appearance—it never leaves them—they almost know each other by instinct.

"Comrade," said the Federal, "I see you have on a grand army button."

"Yes, but I wasn't on that side; I was a rebel soldier," said the man. The Federal ran his hand in his pocket, and whispering the stranger to go and get something to eat, he quietly slipped a half dollar into his possession. That's the Masonic sign between these men. Outsiders cannot understand it. But strange as it may sound the warmest friend the ex-confederate soldier has to-day is the "Billy-Yank," who fought him on field of battle.

BRIGHT SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN.

(Washington Gazette.)

No. 1. A bright little six year old of Washington in reciting the ten commandments the other day, went at it in this wise: Thou shalt not steal; thou shalt not kill; thou shalt not have the grapple.

No. 2. One of our bright Sunday School boys after listening to a lecture about the Queen of Sheba and King Solomon said very earnestly: "Why did the Queen go so far to see King Solomon; why did she not telegraph?"

THE QUIET HOUR.

To see what is right and not do it, is want of courage.—Confucius.

A good character is the best tombstone. Those who love you, and were helped by you, will remember you when forgot-me nots are withered. Carve your name on hearts, and not on marble.—Spurgeon.

I would teach the young not to think of marriage as the only end and aim of life; but I would prepare them for it as a sacrament too high and holy to be profaned by a single light word or thought, teach them how to be worthy of it, and how to wait for it.—Christian Union.

The prevarication and white lies which a mind that keeps itself ambitiously pure is as uneasy under as a great artist under the false touches that no eye detects but his own, are worn as lightly as mere trimmings when once the actions have become a lie.—Samuel Marner.

"We should love God at the expense of our arms, and with the sweat of our brow. All the acts of love and compassion, and all the other sentiments, which a tender heart can feel, although good and desirable, fire, however, give to suspicion, when they do not lead to works of active charity."

Whoever toils successfully in building the Temple of Justice, deepening its foundation, strengthening its pillars, brightening its entablatures or making its august dome higher toward the heavens, connects himself with something which shall endure and brighten through out eternity.—Daniel Webster.

"John is very kind to the poor," said Mary; "but after all, it may be more to the sake of praise than doing good." "Look here, Mary," said her husband, "when you see the hands of our clock always right you may be sure that there isn't much wrong with the made works."—Exchange.

Even as in music, where all notes concur to one end, so that each has the joy of contributing to a whole, where he is ravished and lifted up into the courts of heaven, so will it be in the crowning time of the millennium, when our daily prayer will be "glorified and one law shall be written on all hearts, and be the very structure of all thought, and be the principle of all action."—Felix Holt.

The following touching account of the late Dr. Wilson Fox's last moments, when his friends Dr. J. Russell Reynolds was at his bedside, is given in the latest issue of "The Christian." "On the next morning when obviously and consciously dying, and after his eyes had been fixed for a few minutes on the angle of the room and some gray streaks of dawn were entering it, he said suddenly: 'There's great light, a great glare of light.' I feel so strange. * * * a glare of light. What is it, Reynolds?' The reply was: 'It is the peace of God.' He then laid his hand firmly, and said: 'Bless you.'"

Among the cherished stories of English friendship is that of John Greville, Lord Brooke, who wished to transmit his memory to after ages in the inscription on his tomb. He asked Sir Philip Sidney: "The circumstance is not worth mentioning in comparison with that record of friendship which is supplied in the words: 'That disciple whom Jesus loved,' even as it may serve to bring out the divine instance into bright and beautiful light. The friendship of a mortal, however wise and good, fades away beside the thought of his friendship who is the foundation of wisdom and the mirror of goodness."—Dr. Stoughton.

A mightier church shall come, whose covenant word Shall be the deeds of love. Not Christ then—AMO shall be the password through the gates. Man shall not ask his brother any more 'Believest thou?' but 'Lovest thou?' till all Shall answer at God's altar, 'Lord, I love.'

"For be it known, my brother, that man's heart Is the great Book of Love—the Book of Life, The scroll of doom, where each one finds at last His sentence and the immutable decree Of life or death, his heaven or else his hell."

Mr. Ruskin gives the following good advice in a letter to the young girls: "Keep absolutely calm of temper under all circumstances, receiving everything that is provoking, or disagreeable to you as coming directly from Christ; and the more it is like to provoke you, thank